

Workplace Innovation Program

Where student teams work with host organizations to solve social or environmental problems.

The Workplace Innovation Program matches teams of students with host organizations to increase the relevance and impact of student projects. Teams are assigned a challenge and a host organization, and then work through an innovation management program.

Being a part of the program gives you unrivalled access to staff, clients and customers throughout the project development. Teams also have access to the professional networks and coaching from GreenHouse. This can be done within a course or as co-curricular activity.

We are currently looking for students to participate in the Winter 2021 cohort.

What does the program look like?

The Workplace Innovation Program is an 8-month commitment where students are matched with a team, host organization and challenge. Students receive innovation management training from a coach and receive insight and connections to come up with a solution to the challenge. The training is divided into 3 phases: inspiration, innovation, and implementation.



During that time, GreenHouse coaches the teams through each of these phases and team milestones. The host organization provides insight about the problem and a place to test and implement their solutions.

Current and Upcoming Host Organizations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KidsAbility • Environment Climate Change Canada • Ontario Snow Resort Association | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Ski Council • Hospice Waterloo Region • Volunteer Action Centre |
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What is expected?

- A passion to solve the assigned problem
- Meet with team once per week (virtual)
- Regular check-ins with host (virtual)
- 120 hours of work over 8 months

What will you get?

- Innovation knowledge and skills
- Network and mentor connections
- Experience for applications with references
- Opportunities for funding and support

Next Steps

We are looking for students who want to solve emerging problems with exciting organizations starting Winter 21! [Apply here](#) by **November 30th** to be a part of our next cohort.

If you have any questions please contact Anne Filion (AMFILION@uwaterloo.ca)

Social Innovator in Training Program

Where student innovators receive mentorship, training and funding to launch their own ideas.

Students who apply and are accepted to the Social Innovator in Training Program work with other like-minded innovators interested in creating social or environmental change through their own project or venture. Students coming into this program usually have a problem they are interested in tackling or an idea they want to launch.

Being a part of the program gives you milestones to move your ideas into action, access to core mentors including the professional networks at GreenHouse, and access to funding opportunities to move your ideas forward. This can be done within a course or as co-curricular activity.

What does the program look like?

The Social Innovator in Training Program runs students through a series of milestones. Although each social innovator starts at a different place in the process, they can all expect to run through the innovation stages below.



During these stages, students will check in with a coach and peers to advance their projects. They will also be connected to mentorship and funding opportunities to meet their needs.

What kinds of ideas does this program support?

The Social Innovator in Training Program supports a wide range of ideas that generate social or environmental good. These ideas are launched through:



Grassroots Initiatives
E.g. Mobilizing youth to take climate action



Policy Changes
E.g. Policies for community groups to respond to suicide



Entrepreneurial Ventures
E.g. Creating books for people with dementia

What is expected?

- A passion to solve a social or environmental problem
- Regular meetings with peers (virtual)
- Regular check-ins with coach (virtual)
- Work through project milestones

What will you get?

- Support for your ideas & opportunities for funding
- Network and mentor connections
- Innovation knowledge and skills
- Experience for applications with references

Next Steps

We are looking for students who want to create and launch their ideas starting Winter 2021! [Apply here](#) by **November 30th** to be a part of our next cohort.